

Kennel Dedicated in Iraq

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The memory of a fallen military policeman will live on in a new military working dog kennel and administrative facility dedicated 11 November 2004 at Logistics Support Area Anaconda, Balad, Iraq. Staff Sergeant Arthur S. Mastrapa, a resident of Apopka, Florida, was killed in action in a rocket attack at Balad on 16 June 2004. At the time of his death, Staff Sergeant Mastrapa was assigned to the 351st Military Police Company, US Army Reserve, Ocala, Florida. He was a US postal carrier in his civilian career. He joined the Army in 1992 and served on active duty in Alabama and Germany before reenlisting in the Army Reserves in June 2000. He was known

for his dedication to duty, loyalty, courage, and selfless service. Staff Sergeant Mastrapa was posthumously awarded the Bronze Star Medal and Purple Heart. He is survived by his wife, Jennifer; his children, Marisa and Reece; his parents, Arthur and Nancy; a brother, Mark; and a sister, Kristy.

The facility that now bears his name will provide life support and administrative space for dogs and handlers alike.